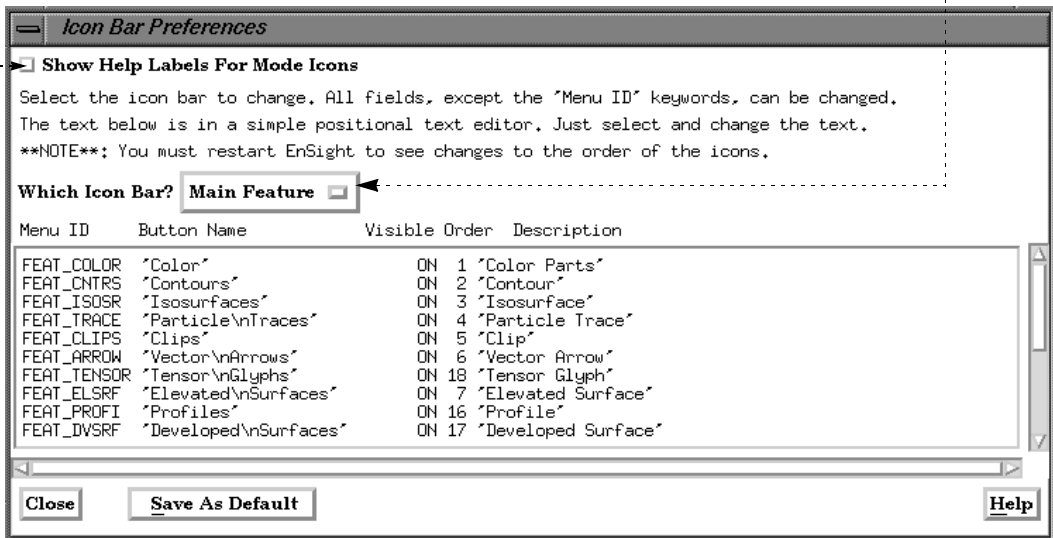## INTRODUCTION

EnSight uses several sets of icons to group functionality. To suit personal preferences or simplify the interface, the order of the icons within each set can be changed or icons can be removed altogether (typically eliminating access to that portion of functionality).

The icon sets correspond to the seven major groupings of function within EnSight: Main Feature (the icons in the Feature Icon bar) and the six Modes: View, Part, Annot, Plot, VPort, and Frame. By default, EnSight displays informative text labels underneath each icon in the Mode icon bars. Once the icon functions have been learned, these can be removed to save space in the icon bar.

BASIC OPERATION

To customize an icon bar:

1. **Select Edit > Preferences..., select General User_Interface and click the Modify and Save Icon Layout... button.**

2. **Select the desired icon bar from the Which Icon Bar pulldown.**

3. **To disable display of the icon help labels, toggle off the Show Help Labels For Mode Icons button.**

To edit, click the left mouse button at the desired location and change the text. Each entry in the list controls one icon and has the following components:

Menu ID	Internal ID. (Included for potential future usage – do not change).
Button Name	The name of the icon. (Included for potential future usage – do not change)
Visible status	Either ON or OFF.
Order	Icon order within the bar.
Description	Description printed in the Message Area when the left mouse button is clicked and held on the icon.

Note that changes will not take effect until the next time you run EnSight. To save your changes, click the Save As Default button and then click Close. To exit the dialog without saving your changes, just click Close.

ADVANCED USAGE

The lists presented in the Icon Bar Preferences dialog are stored on disk as text files in the `.ensight6/` directory (which is located in your home directory). If you prefer, you can edit these files directly with any text editor and the changes will take effect during your next EnSight session. The files are named as follows:

Main Feature	`ensight_feat_panel.def`
View	`ensight_view_panel.def`
Part	`ensight_part_panel.def`
Annot	`ensight_annot_panel.def`
Plot	`ensight_plot_panel.def`
VPort	`ensight_viewp_panel.def`
Frame	`ensight_frame_panel.def`

SEE ALSO

User Manual: **Icon Bars**